

I wish to state my opposition to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to preempt regular programming to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the US Presidential election.

This is not the first time I have written the FCC of my concerns about the dangers to democracy from a merged and monolithic, corporate-controlled usurpation of our public airwaves.

Sinclair is legally obligated to serve the public interest, and uses our public airwaves without charge. I don't think it's ethical to present a biased, extremely political ad on behalf of one candidate.

Instead, I want to see people from our own communities on our public airwaves. Real people with a great diversity of lifestyles, ethical and moral values, political opinions, problems and talents which make up our nation.

I was previously upset when Sinclair forbade reading the names of American soldiers who had died in Iraq. They have names and faces. I felt it was my 'civic' duty to listen to Ted Kopell read their names, and I cried to see the photos of human beings who will never again see the sun.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate why the FCC needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They demonstrate why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for your attention to my views.